

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 42, please replace the second paragraph starting on line 7 with --

Figure 4 depicts an alternate embodiment of the device **50**. A piezoelectric actuator **12** functioning as a vibrating probe is associated with at least one electrode **42** that is in electrical contact with the ablation site **19** of the membrane **18**. An abrasive **15** may be applied on the surface of the membrane **18**. Optionally, the abrasive **15** may be fluidized such that a fluid interface is formed that improves the flow of charges between the surface of the electrode **42** and the ablation site **19**. A second electrode **45** may be located distally from the first electrode **42** such that the membrane **18** forms a bridge between the electrodes **42, 45** which may be composed of similar or different materials.

Collection of biomolecules may take place through absorption by an absorptive material **70** in contact with the treated skin or directly into a container **75**. A separate container **76** can hold the abrasive material such that the abrasive is discharged on the surface to be ablated as required.--